

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A practice projectile for use with a gun system, comprising:

a fuze;

a projectile body including an open front end and a closed rear end;

wherein the front end of the projectile body is secured to the fuze;

a boom assembly secured to the closed end of the projectile body;

a center vent tube having a forward end that is secured to the fuze, and a rearward end that abuts against the rear end of the projectile body, to form a smoke chamber and to provide added weight to control a center of gravity of the projectile;

wherein the rear end of the projectile body includes [[at least one]] a plurality of normally closed vent [[hole]] holes that are disposed in closed proximity to the boom assembly, in fluidic communication with the smoke chamber, and

[[at least one vent plug that fits]] a plurality of vent plugs that fit in the vent holes to plug the vent holes, [[hole closing it;]] wherein the vent plugs [[that is]] become unplugged from the projectile body upon function of the fuze, and [[to]] allow smoke that accumulates inside the smoke chamber to be released {; and that provides an indication of a dud}} so as to provide a signature for the projectile.

2 - 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The projectile of ~~[[according to]]~~ claim 1 ~~[[3]]~~, wherein the plurality of vent holes include four equally spaced apart vent holes.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The projectile of ~~[[according to]]~~ claim 1 ~~[[5]]~~, wherein the plurality of vent plugs includes four vent plugs.

7. (Currently Amended) The projectile of ~~[[according to]]~~ claim 1 ~~[[5]]~~, wherein the center vent tube is generally cylindrically shaped.

8. (Currently Amended) The projectile of ~~[[according to]]~~ claim 7, wherein the center vent tube is open at both ends.

9 - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The projectile of ~~[[according to]]~~ claim 8, wherein the center vent tube is mounted along an axial length of the projectile body.

12. (Currently Amended) The projectile of ~~[[according to]]~~ claim 11, wherein the fuze has an elongated stepped shape comprised of a forward end, an intermediate step, and a narrower rearward step.

13. (Currently Amended) The projectile of [[according to]] claim 12, wherein the rearward step defines an edge with the intermediate step.

14. (Currently Amended) The projectile of [[according to]] claim 13, wherein the center vent tube has a forward edge, such that when the projectile is assembled, the rearward step fits inside the center vent tube, with the forward edge abutting the edge defined between the rearward step and intermediate step, to secure the center vent tube to the fuze.